Media Contact:

Brian Moran Assistant to the City Manager/Communications Coordinator (423) 472-4551 bmoran@clevelandtn.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 8/29/18

CITY DONATES MAYOR'S MEMORABILIA TO MUSEUM CENTER

CLEVELAND, TN – The Cleveland City Council unanimously voted to donate Mayor Tom Rowland's office furniture and memorabilia related to his distinguished tenure as the longest serving Mayor in Cleveland's history. Mayor Rowland has been a dedicated public servant for Cleveland for more than twenty-seven years and is currently Tennessee's longest sitting mayor.

The Museum will work with Mayor Rowland, his supporters, and city officials to create a permanent exhibit at the Museum using the Mayor's furniture and memorabilia to preserve and share his historic accomplishments with current and future residents, as well as to visitors to the Ocoee Region.

"Mayor Rowland's foresight and leadership were instrumental to the founding of the Museum 20 years ago," said Joe Mason, President of the Museum's Board of Trustees. "As a museum dedicated to preserving the history of the Ocoee Region, it is fitting to create a permanent exhibit highlighting Tom Rowland's accomplishments that will benefit the Region for generations," said Janice Neyman, Executive Director. "Mayor Rowland's leadership and influence have improved the lives of Cleveland residents for decades and we are excited to help future generations learn how his accomplishments paved the way for our city's continued growth and success," said City Manager Joe Fivas.

Mason added that after consulting with the Mayor and others interested in preserving the history of his administration, the Museum will soon announce more details about the exhibit.

"There is obviously a great deal of excitement and interest around this project," said Mason. "Mayor Rowland is an icon not just in Cleveland but throughout Tennessee."

Media Contact:

Brian Moran Assistant to the City Manager/Communications Coordinator (423) 472-4551 bmoran@clevelandtn.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 8/29/18

